

REMARKS

Please enter the above amendment prior to calculation of the filing fee. Claims 1-20 are now in the present application.

The above amendments are made to correct the claim dependencies of those claims that were initially improperly multi-dependent under U.S. practice so that such claims will be examined, to eliminate all multi-dependencies in order to reduce the government-filing fee, and to otherwise improve the form of the claims for U.S. practice.

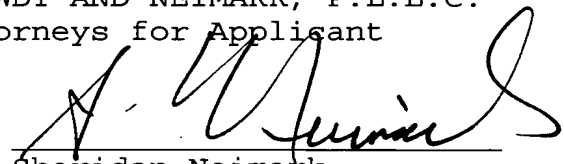
The amendments made above are made entirely without prejudice, the applicants respectfully reserving their rights to add claims at a later stage commensurate in scope with claims that may have been eliminated by removal of all multi-dependencies. Regardless, the amendments made above are not "narrowing" amendments. The scope of the claims has not been reduced; no limitations have been added and none are intended.

Applicants respectfully await the results of a first examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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